

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2008**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, August 18, 2008 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:12 a.m.

The Following Committee Members were Present

The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Anne Fauver
The Honorable Cleta Winslow
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong
The Honorable Ceasar Mitchell

The Following Committee Members were not Present

The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair

Others in attendance were Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff-Mayor, Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Saul Schultz, Law Department; General Public, Members of the Press, and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was Adopted without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the July 7, 2008 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED without objection.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

Chairperson Moore made a motion to amend the August 18, 2008 Full Council meeting Order of Business, Report of Standing Committees, to allow Finance/Executive Committee to report first and Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee to report second and the remaining Committees to follow as listed. Without objection, the agenda was ADOPTED as amended.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

- 08-C-1556 (1) A Communication by Councilmember H. Lamar Willis submitting the name of **Mrs. Sallie Clark Hughes** to serve as a member of the Commission on Aging. This appointment is scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation; and for other purposes.

Chairperson Moore Removed this Communication from the Agenda. Will be read at the August 18, 2008 Full Council meeting by the Municipal Clerk and referred to the appropriate Committee.

E. ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

- 08-O-1562 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Fulton County to conduct a City of Atlanta Election to be held on the date of the November, 2008 State-wide General Election, to permit the electors of the City of Atlanta and the electors of the City of Atlanta Independent School District to vote on three acts passed by the Georgia General Assembly and approved by the Governor to increase the Homestead Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes for municipal purposes for City of Atlanta residents, to increase the Homestead Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes for educational purposes for City of Atlanta Independent School District residents, and City of Atlanta residents 65 years of age or older whose income does not exceed \$40,000.00 (per year); to appoint the Fulton County board of registration and elections, with the Director or Interim Director of the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections acting as its agent, as Municipal Election Superintendent for the purpose of conducting said election, as Absentee Ballot Clerk and as Municipal Registrar; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 08-O-1563 (2) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to regulate and provide for the call of an election and to call an election, in accordance with Act Number 613 (S. B. 325), to determine the approval or non-approval by the residents of the City of Atlanta, of a Homestead Exemption from City of Atlanta Ad Valorem Taxes for

E. ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING (CONT'D)

municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of the city who are 65 years of age or over whose income does not exceed \$40,000.00 [per year]; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 08-O-1564 (3) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to regulate and provide for the call of an election and to call an election, in accordance with Act Number 620 (H. B. 1191), to determine the approval or non-approval by the residents of the City of Atlanta Independent School District, of a Homestead Exemption from City of Atlanta Independent School District Ad Valorem Taxes for educational purposes, from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00 after a three-year phase-in period; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 08-O-1565 (4) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to regulate and provide for the call of an election and to call an election, in accordance with Act Number 618 (H. B. 1192), to determine the approval or non-approval by the residents of the City of Atlanta, of a Homestead Exemption from City of Atlanta Ad Valorem Taxes for municipal purposes, from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00 after a three-year phase-in period; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

- 08-O-1538 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox, Joyce Sheperd, Mary Norwood, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., H. Lamar Willis, Kwanza Hall, C. T. Martin, Natalyn Archibong and Ceasar C. Mitchell to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-1 et seq., as amended, by

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING (CONT'D)

amending Section 4-104 (d) so as to provide that for the next Election of Municipal Court Judges, to be held in 2009, if more than seven (7) Judges elect to continue to serve for an additional four year term, only the seven (7) Judges receiving the highest number of votes shall continue to serve; to waive conflicting ordinances and charter amendments; and for other purposes.

**TO BE REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

- 06-O-1333 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Anne Fauver and Cleta Winslow to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta adopted under and by virtue of the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965 (Ga. Laws 1965, P.298, et seq.) as amended, to amend Part I, Subpart A, Article VII, Chapter 3, Section 2-301(c) of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et seq.), approved April 15, 1996 as amended, so as to allow elected officials to view a video taped copy of the Elected Officials Mandatory Training Modules; to make the mandatory training apply to newly elected officials only; and for other purposes. **(Held 6/19/06; Vote taken to continue to hold 1/2/07.)**
- 07-O-1340 (2) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox, Kwanza Hall, Joyce Sheperd, Howard Shook, Anne Fauver, Ceasar Mitchell, Lamar Willis, Ivory Young, Jr., C. T. Martin, Carla Smith and Clair Muller to amend the Rules for the Conduct of Business of the Atlanta City Council so as to create a new policy for the receipt of legislation prepared by the Executive Branch. **(Held 7/2/07 for further review and discussion.)**
- 08-C-0673 (3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Mr. Daryl Grant** to serve on the In-Rem Review Board in the Residential Finance category for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded with no**

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 4/29/08; Held 5/5/08 to allow the appointee an opportunity to appear before the Committee.)

- 08-C-1361 (4) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin authorizing the re-appointment of **Mr. Barney Simms** to serve on the Atlanta Development Authority Board for the City of Atlanta, in the APAB Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years. **(Filed by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 7/15/08; Held 7/21/08 by the Committee for further review.)**

(Chairperson Moore made a motion to bring forward and to file.)

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- 08-C-1364 (2) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin **as Amended by Committee on Council** authorizing the re-appointment of **Mr. Joseph Brown** to serve on the Atlanta Development Authority Board for the City of Atlanta, in the Finance Category. This re-appointment is for a term of **four (4) years. (Filed by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 7/15/08; Held 7/21/08 by the Committee for further review.)**

(Chairperson Moore made a motion to bring forward and to refer to CD/HR.)

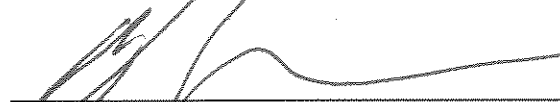
TO BE REFERRED AS AMENDED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant


Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst


The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council